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OF UNGA

Classified By: A/PolMinCouns Kurt van der Walde, reasons, 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Afghanistan Task Force Director Richard Arbeiter said on August 8 that Canada plans to propose a meeting of ISAF Regional Command South (RC-S) country ministers on the margins of UNGA. The Canadians envision limiting the meeting to RC-S ministers and SRSG Kai Eide, each with plus-twos, and having a short, focused agenda of (1) Pakistan (Canada lead), (2) elections (UN lead), and (3) the U.S. Deployment to RC-S (U.S. lead).

¶2. (C) DFAIT Assistant Deputy Minister Yves Brodeur will contact Assistant Secretary Boucher directly to confirm U.S. support for the ministerial meeting and agenda, and to suggest a subsequent meeting of himself, Boucher, and their UK counterpart Adam Thomson. According to Arbeiter, Brodeur would like to discuss the same agenda items in greater detail at the subsequent smaller meeting.

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